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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

A three-year-old antitrust case against Microsoft by the Justice Department has finally reached a settlement. Sadly, there are those that are still opposed to this settlement and are seeking to revive this case. I write to you to ask that you support the settlement and a quick end to this case.

The Department of Justice has decided to settle, and Microsoft has agreed to the settlement as well. This should be the end of the story but it is not. Unspecified interests are seeking to have the settlement withdrawn and Microsoft forced back into court. This is unfortunate because the settlement would end any anticompetitive behavior. In fact, the settlement has very tough sanctions against Microsoft, such as a reworked licensing agreement, and includes full time supervision of Microsoft under the creation of a third-party technical review committee.

Your consideration of my views is appreciated. I would like to repeat my request that you enact this settlement at the end of January.

Sincerely,

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